

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, this amendment is really three amendments in one and I'll try and explain them briefly. In the first place it provides that the clerk of the court shall by first class mail file a record of such mailing or notification when there is an assignment of the wages. It also provides that there be, that all child support payments come due on the first of the month. This has been a very sore spot with a lot of the clerks of the court because of the large number of dates when the child support comes due, makes it very difficult for them to know when the delinquencies occur and this will greatly simplify the procedure of accountability and collecting of child support. The other is language which authorizes an authorized attorney to be appointed by the county board to assess a county attorney in the collection of child support. Now there is some concern in some areas because I think all of us from time to time have found where the county attorneys perhaps have for one reason or another not been, I guess you might say, active in the collection of child support. It leaves the district judge with very little recourse to enforce the law so this language allows the district judge to provide for another attorney to do that. Now I do not argue with those individuals who say that the county attorney has that responsibility, ought to do it, but in some counties the larger counties especially, they are extremely busy. They need the additional help. In some of the counties because of lack of experience or expertise perhaps it might serve the purpose better to be able to appoint an attorney so I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak to the Schmit amendments? The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's first amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit's amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would now again move to amend the bill. This is request 1150. (Second Schmit amendment appears on pages 1523-1524 of the Legislative Journal.)

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SENATOR SCHMIT: Is this 1150, Mr. President? Yes, Mr. President, this language was suggested again by one of